

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 104  
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert Lynn "Bob" Rees  
of Franklin County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Bob Rees of Tullahoma; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rees was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rees served with acumen and alacrity as the Superintendent of the Tims Ford State Park, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, described by his friends and coworkers as "the greatest Chief Ranger Tennessee State Parks ever had." Bob Rees was known as "a true, dedicated professional officer [who] gave his heart and being to Tennessee's State Parks."; and

WHEREAS, a Shelbyville native, Bob was a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and was the former Chief Ranger for the State Department of Parks and Environment from 1983-92 and served as the Park Manager/Superintendent for Tims Ford State Park from 1992-2001; and

WHEREAS, recognized for his professionalism and excellence in his chosen career, Mr. Rees was awarded the Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding and Superior Performance in 1989 from the State Parks Assistant Commissioner, the Certificate of Appreciation in Recognition of a Fine Display of Professionalism and Leadership in 1995 from the Tennessee Park Rangers Association, the Jim Bailey Award for Excellence in Environmental Education in 1997, the "#1 Park Manager" from the Tims Ford State Park Staff in 1998, and the Park Manager of the Year in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bob Rees was instrumental in obtaining several Tennessee Walking Horses for the Horse Mounted Ranger Program, of which he served as Captain; and

WHEREAS, held in high regard for the level of service and professionalism he exhibited while on duty, Mr. Rees had the privilege of providing and coordinating departmental security for the National Governor's Conference in 1985 and for the Gubernatorial Inauguration in both 1987 and 1994; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bob Rees was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church in Tullahoma, which he served faithfully for many years. He was also involved in the Winchester Lions Club, the American Diabetes Club, and the Nashville Emmaeus Society, and served as a founding father and active member of the Tennessee Park Rangers Association; and

WHEREAS, Bob Rees was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Bob enjoyed the loving companionship of his devoted wife, Sandy P. Rees, and he was the proud parent of stepdaughter, Meghan Poole; and

WHEREAS, though he goes on to be with his brother, David, Bob Rees will also be missed by his parents, Clyde and Wilma Rees of Shelbyville; his sisters, Marilyn Cross of Columbia and Anne Messick of Shelbyville; his brother, Larry Rees of Louisville, Kentucky; his nieces and nephews, and his many friends and associates; and

WHEREAS, Bob Rees leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Robert Lynn "Bob" Rees, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Bob Rees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.